

IRISH AIM TO FORCE PREMIER'S POSITION

Effort Will Be Made to Get Trend of Peace Conference.

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Hope to Clear Ulster Question Before Lloyd George Sails.

CRAIG CONTINUES FIRM

Says the Six Counties Will Hang Together and Cannot Be Coerced.

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New York Herald Bureau, London, Oct. 17. An effort will be made by the Irish delegates to get a clear indication of which way the peace conference is trending before the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, leaves here for Washington. It is likely the Irish conference will have solved some very controversial questions before November 2, and the first of these will be Ulster.

When the conference adjourned this afternoon, it was without fixing a date for a new meeting. This gave rise to a report that a rupture had already come, but this report was later denied and it was explained that the indefinite adjournment was taken because of the press of Mr. Lloyd George's appointments with the opening of Parliament to-morrow and perhaps for a day or so to come with unemployment legislation.

There is every likelihood, however, that if the Ulster problem was undiscussed in its larger aspects to-day, its details formed the chief subject of the meeting, which lasted two and a half hours. It was known to be the belief in Government quarters that the Government would have to bring the matter up soon, in view of Sir James Craig's threat to "break the teeth of any mice trying to nibble Ulster granite."

Belfast a Sore Spot.

The Irish are equally keen to get something done with regard to the present state of disorder in Belfast. They insist that their people are suffering grievously from organized and unorganized attacks there, and want to know who is running the province anyway. Unless some better arrangement is made they are frankly afraid of open hostilities between large forces in Ulster, which would be a prelude to what would be close to a general civil war. It is perhaps this the Irish mean when they say, as they are reported saying, that they want to know before Mr. Lloyd George goes to Washington whether it is to be peace or war. Naturally and frankly, the Irish are loath to leave negotiations in the hands of Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor, or even those of Winston Churchill while Mr. Lloyd George is away, as they feel the Lord Chancellor's record justifies the suspicion that he would not mind seeing the whole business kicked over. Also they fear that Mr. Churchill, with Mr. Lloyd George out of the country, might be open to the temptation to take the bit in his teeth and romp off with some policy of his own contrary to that of Mr. Lloyd George.

The Irish always allege, with apparently weighty proof backing them, that the outrages in Belfast are all provocative tactics of extreme Orangemen. They are frankly afraid, not only that their own men in Ulster, but that the south generally as well, cannot be held in check much longer if persistent robberies and assaults on Catholics in Belfast continue. With Mr. Lloyd George out of the country, they feel that such a flareup would result in negotiations being broken off forthwith at the instance of either Lord Birkenhead or Mr. Churchill.

Premier Prepares for Trip Here.

Mr. Lloyd George, however, is reported to have weighed all these prospects carefully and is going on with his preparations to go to the United States in time for the opening of the armament conference. He is said to feel that if the Irish negotiations break down it will be more than ever necessary for him to be in America to defend the British record. If, on the other hand, the Irish negotiations go on, he is confident he can so arrange it as to prevent the delegates coming to serious grips before he returns, as it will be a brief visit he will not make under the American flag. Preparations in connection with the British delegation to Washington are meanwhile going on rapidly. Although South Africa will not be represented, especially every other Dominion, India will be, and represented strongly, although it is now likely that only Canada and Australia will have a place in the actual British delegation if any place is allotted to the dominions. The others will have strong representations among the experts. As reported up to a late hour this evening, the personnel of the British delegation is as yet not entirely settled.

London, Oct. 17.—Inquiry at both the Irish office and Sinn Féin headquarters disclosed that as yet neither side has been able to estimate the prospects of concession by the other. The Sinn Féin maintains its full separatist claim and still makes unity of Ireland an indispensable condition to membership in the British Commonwealth. Elaborate statistics have been prepared for submission to the conference to prove the injustice of excluding northern Ulster. The Sinn Féin is expected to be the presentation by the Irish delegates of a plan of local autonomy within the Irish State, which will then be submitted to Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier.

If the Government supports Ulster in refusing any compromise, the conference, it is declared, will break up and the Irish delegates will return to Ireland. If the Ulster difficulty is overcome, finance and trade policy will be debated, the Sinn Féin having prepared long statements on both these subjects. Both sides agree that if the conference continues over Friday a settlement will be in sight.

Behind the scenes pressure is being employed to both sides for and against peace. Civil and military representatives of the Irish Government who have been in conflict with each other in Dublin Castle are now in London urging their respective views. Reorganization of the Ulster Volunteer force has been decided upon, according to a Belfast despatch to the Press Association. The decision was taken, it was stated, because of the inactivity of the British Government.

Sir Eric Geddes Quits Lloyd George Cabinet

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Oct. 17.—Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transportation in the British Cabinet, has tendered his resignation from that office, it was learned to-day.

toward the Sinn Féiners who have established camps in Ulster quarries and are said to be drilling openly with rifles and machine guns.

By the Associated Press. BELFAST, Oct. 17.—Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier, in answering criticisms of his recent speech by the *Irish Bulletin*, the Daily Eireann's organ, strongly reiterates Ulster's position. He says that when Ulster reluctantly accepted the government of Ireland after her people exhausted everything they had to give and consequently nothing was left.

"The situation will hang together," he continues, "and I will never allow any tampering with them. The *Irish Bulletin* says that the economic life of northern Ulster is inseparably bound up with the nation. I say that the economic life of northern Ireland is inseparably bound up with Great Britain. No injury will happen to our people under an act which allows them to govern themselves."

"My speech was intended to clear the air. Peace will come all the sooner by the facts being understood. A good many people still imagine that Ulster is bargaining, a factor in the situation that is untrue. Ulster bargains for nothing except to be left alone to work out her own destiny. This policy I have adopted, and I am not prepared to be tempted by offers of more liberal terms. Ulster can only be won. She can never be coerced."

RIOTS KEEP UP AGAINST CONVICTION IN U. S.

Rome Radicals Seek Freedom of Stayers Here.

ROME, Oct. 17.—Demonstrations by radicals are occurring regularly in protest against the sentencing to death in the United States of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, two Italians, for the murder of Frederick A. Parmenter, paymaster of a shoe plant in Braintree, Mass. One person was injured in Rome and many were arrested in conflicts between the radicals and police. Similar demonstrations were held in Genoa and Turin. The *Gloves* of the *Avanti* says: "The demonstrations against the United States follow what is presumed to be an unproved case of homicide, and it is hoped for humanity and civilization that a retrial will be granted. We observe there are unjust demonstrations against the Ambassador."

CONFER ON EXPENSE OF TROOPS ON RHINE

Trying to Fix Rate for Americans, British and French.

By the Associated Press. PARIS, Oct. 17.—Major-Gen. Henry T. Allen, commander in chief of the American Army of Occupation, arrived here to-day from Coblenz to represent the United States along with Roland W. Boyden and Col. Ralph H. Hess at a conference beginning to-morrow afternoon at the French Foreign Office on the cost of maintaining troops in the Rhineland. The principal object of the conference is to establish a differential rate for the payment of the troops of the nations represented in that area. The French and Belgian troops are now costing about 18 francs a day each; the American about 24 each; the British, the equivalent of about 25 francs each.

AMERICAN MISSION LOOTED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The American Lutheran Mission at Saubulak, West Persia, has been attacked and looted by Kurds, according to official advice to the State Department to-day.

PARLIAMENT MEETS TO-DAY ON IDLENESS

Lloyd George Expected to Talk on Labor Crisis and Arms Parley.

SESSION WILL BE SHORT

Austen Chamberlain to Act if Prime Minister Goes to Washington.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Parliament, which adjourned two months ago instead of being prorogued, because then it was thought it might be necessary to submit the Irish settlement to it, will reassemble to-morrow.

The legislative body will consider steps necessary to meet the serious unemployment situation and the prevailing trade depression. The session is expected to be short.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, will outline the Government's proposals for dealing with relief of unemployed. Also he probably will announce the Government's policy with regard to the forthcoming Washington conference on the limitation of armaments and make known the composition of the British delegation. It is not improbable that the Premier also will touch lightly on Irish affairs and the Upper Silesian decision.

It is believed, however, that all matters outside of trade, finance and unemployment are likely to be the subjects of little debate and that the greater part of the session will be confined to a discussion of the Government's policy for dealing with unemployment. In the event that Mr. Lloyd George goes to Washington Austen Chamberlain will become Acting Prime Minister, and in that capacity will preside at the Irish conference.

At the opening of Parliament Lady Astor will have a companion in Mrs. Margaret Wintringham, who was elected at the recent as Liberal Member for Louth. Mrs. Wintringham succeeds her husband, who died some time ago.

250 VESSELS FOR FOOD IN SHIP BOARD'S HANDS

Fleet Can Be Equipped Quickly for Strike Needs.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Oct. 17. Detailed plans for the rapid commissioning of 250 small steel ships which can be used in coastwise trade and on many inland waterways to carry provisions to the cities and otherwise relieve any situation in a general strike are being worked out by the Shipping Board.

Chairman Lasker and Joseph W. Powell of the Fleet Corporation said no official call had been made on the board in connection with the strike. The board, however, is prepared to act in emergencies. J. A. Fry, head of the operations division, said the board could equip and commission twenty-five oil burning cargo vessels a day for ten successive days. There will be no trouble in obtaining crews, because many ship officers and seamen are out of employment.

METEORS SEEN WITH TRAILS.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 15.—The Northern skies, during clear nights this autumn, have been streaked with an unusually large number of "falling stars." The display has had the striking feature of showing sparks and smoke or vapor in the trails of the meteors. At the observatory here, a study of the phenomenon is being made.

JAPS AGAIN ASK CHINA TO CONSIDER SHANTUNG

If She Refuses Correspondence Will Be Published.

By the Associated Press. TOKYO, Oct. 17.—The Japanese Foreign Office to-day communicated instructions to Yukichi Ohta, Japanese Minister in Peking, to invite the Chinese Government to reconsider its rejection of Japan's recent proposals relative to the return of Shantung to Chinese control.

The note to Minister Ohta, according to a reliable source, points to China's reply as "open to criticism on the basis of international etiquette and of ignoring treaty rights."

Should China thereafter persist in its present course it is believed in authoritative quarters that Japan will publish all of the correspondence relating to the controversy for the purpose of appealing to the judgment of the powers.

TYPHUS NOW FEARED WITH RUSSIAN FAMINE

Crisis Will Be Reached in January; 15,000,000 Affected

By the Associated Press.

Moscow, Oct. 15.—Russia's famine crisis will be reached in January, and indications are that it will be accompanied by a big typhus epidemic, it was stated to-day by Col. William M. Haskell, chief of the American Relief Administration in Russia.

"Fifteen million people are affected by the famine, 25 per cent. of whom cannot be reached by available transportation facilities. What is needed most is food, then medicines, then clothing."

BUCHARA, Oct. 17.—Ukrainian peasants are reported to have revolted against the Russian Soviet Government and one Bolshevik regiment is said to have been defeated.

REACTIONARIES WIN IN GERMAN CITIES

Nationalists Make Gains in Municipal Elections.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—The municipal elections held here Sunday resulted, according to the latest estimates, in a majority for the non-Socialist parties. A notable increase in strength by the German Nationalists, or extreme conservatives, was shown in the vote.

Vorwarts, Majority Socialist organ, attributes the Socialist defeat to public resentment over the recent reported decision on the Upper Silesian question.

MINISTER OF DEFENCE QUILTS BELGIAN CABINET

Objected to Colleague Attending Socialist Meeting.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 17.—Minister of Defence Devos to-day threatened his resignation from the Belgian Cabinet, according to an announcement by the *Soir*. His resignation is said to have been precipitated by the presence of Edouard Anseele, Socialist Minister of Public Works, at the Socialist gathering in La Louviere yesterday.

FRENCH CABINET CUTS DISSATISFY DEPUTIES

PARIS, Oct. 17.—A sharp skirmish between the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and the Cabinet Ministers is in progress. It is preliminary to a pitched battle to be waged in the Chamber of Deputies later against unnecessary expenditures by the administration. Appropriations for public works have been cut by 7,000,000 francs, the navy by 17,000,000 francs, the Ministry of Finance 20,000,000 francs and the Ministry of the Interior 10,000,000 francs. The financiers say that these cuts will not do. They demand larger reductions everywhere.

BRIAND STRONGER AS DEPUTIES MEET

Premier Confronted With Battery of Questions as Chamber Convened To-day.

ARMS PARLEY AN ISSUE

May Be Discussed in Score of Debates on France's Foreign Policy.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—The Government of Premier Briand will be faced with fifty interpellations in the Chamber of Deputies when it convenes to-morrow in extraordinary session. The French policy at the Washington conference on limitation of armaments and Far Eastern questions is to be more or less of an issue in the Parliamentary sessions, but thus far only indirectly, as it may be discussed in connection with a score of proposed debates on France's foreign and general policies.

The prediction that the Briand Government would fall when Parliament reassembled has been dying out as the date for the reconvening of the Chamber approached. Some political observers construe the unusual number of interpellations awaiting the Government as showing lack of organization among the opposition. Others consider that they merely indicate a desire on the part of certain Deputies to speak before crowded galleries.

In any case, all preparations have been made for Premier Briand to go to the Washington Conference, and his supporters expect him to make the voyage invested with the full authority he demanded in his St. Nazaire speech and without having his hands tied by too specific instructions from Parliament.

JUGO-SLAV ASSEMBLY CALLED.

BELGRADE, Oct. 17.—The Jugo-Slav National Assembly has been called to convene on Thursday of this week.

ARMS PARLEY SEEN AS AN AID TO CHINA

Clarence Miller Among the Speakers at Alliance Banquet.

Developments from the forthcoming limitation of armaments conference that will be of national importance to the Chinese Republic were predicted last night by several prominent speakers at the sixth annual banquet of the Chinese American Citizens' Alliance at the Hong Kong Low restaurant, 25 Park row.

The address that drew the most applause from the 600 men and women present was that of Clarence B. Miller, secretary of the Republican National Committee, who came from Washington to address the alliance. Speaking of the conference, Mr. Miller said:

"What will it avail unless it is made impossible for any nation to make war against an unarmed people? I hope the result of the conference will be that no nation ever again will be able to present any twenty-one demands to China, and if she does that she will be told to go away back and sit down."

Other speakers were Federal Judge John C. Knox, Prof. John Dewey of Columbia University, Herbert Parsons, president of the board of trustees of Canton Christian College, and Francis P. Bent, who represented Mayor Hyman.

FORGETS FORTUNE IN GEMS.

Mme. de Wendel, of Paris, Leaves Them in Taxicab.

PARIS, Oct. 15.—Mme. de Wendel of this city left a package of jewels worth 1,000,000 francs in a taxicab while driving from the Gare de l'Est to her home, the other day.

A case is on record where a chauffeur found a packet of jewels worth 10,000 francs, which had been left in his taxicab and returned them to the owner.

EXPLORES LOST IN YUKON.

DAWSON, Y. T., Oct. 17.—Frank Keely, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., and A. Warburton, a guide from the Pelly country, are believed to have perished exploring the wilderness between Fort Norman and Ross River Post. Trappers returning to-day from the region said no word had been heard from the pair since spring, when, against the advice of friends, they left Fort Norman on their hazardous journey.



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